

MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
April 2, 2009

Members Present

Dee Taylor	Rose Baker
Don Mack	Gerald Gotcher
Marilyn Pauly	Bobby Albrecht
Bill Gibson	Kevin Yarrow

Members Not Present

Sonja Hammar

Parks and Recreation & City of Plano Staff Present

Colette Hall, Diann Hand, Carolyn Stauss, Shane Stovall

The meeting was called to order by Dee Taylor, at approximately 5:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Input

Colette introduced Carolyn Stauss, the new Supervisor for the Senior Recreation Center.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 8, 2009 meeting were approved.

3. Plano's Emergency Preparedness

Shane Stovall, Director of Emergency Management/Homeland Security, gave the Board an overview on how the City is planning for local emergencies and how they get information to residents. Their job is to direct and coordinate emergency management and homeland security programs to prevent/mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from local emergencies and disasters. Their public education/outreach program is called "Prepared in Plano" which informs residents how to prepare for an emergency, how to develop an emergency kit and how to develop a plan to be self-reliant for a recommended 72 hours. Their ESF (Emergency Support Function) program focuses on special populations. They advertise on PTN and information is available on their website at www.preparedinplano.com. This department also reviews emergency plans of nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

4. Chair's update on Plano Census Committee

The purpose of this committee is to encourage seniors to participate in the upcoming 2010 Census. Dee will not be able to participate. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let her know and she will provide you with details.

5. Silver Hair Legislative Update

The Board discussed handouts Dee provided regarding the recommendations that the National Silver Haired Congress will make to the United States Congress and the President for FY 2010.

- o Increase in Home and Community Based Services
- o National Background Check and Registry for Health Caregiver
- o Elder Justice Act
- o Silver Alert Notification Network for Missing Elder Citizens

6. Items for future agendas

Decide on Board project(s), Senior Rides report.

Kevin asked if there were any budget cuts specific to senior services. Colette said that City Council has requested additional budget cuts. Since the free transportation to the Senior Center is a duplication of service, it has been recommended to City Council to cancel the free transportation to the Senior Center. Transportation would still be available to the Senior Center through the Senior Rides program. If this recommendation is passed, the current users will be assisted in transitioning to the Senior Rides program.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

Chairperson

Date